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Preface

In a time when people question the truth all the time, reality is shaped by perception, and people have a hard time telling right from wrong, the need for divine guidance is more important than ever. This book tries to make sense of the modern world by looking at it through the first ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf.

These verses aren't just read once a week; they are a shield, a framework, and a way to get ready for the biggest test humanity will ever face: **the rise of Dajjal**.

The way this book works is simple:

- Learn something from each verse
- Link them to the present day
- Know how lying works
- Create a mindset in believers that will help them fight it

This isn't just a study; it's also a way to get ready.

The importance of these verses is further emphasized by the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, who said:

"مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَّالِ"
(*Sahih Muslim*, Kitab al-Fitan)

These words are not just a promise of safety; they are also a call to really think about these verses. They don't just protect you by helping you remember things; they also help you understand, think about, and live by their advice. These verses teach the believer to stay strong, aware, and grounded in divine truth at a time when lies can look like truth and falsehood can look like reality.

So, this book is not just about explaining things; it is also about getting ready to see and fight the biggest fitnah in human history.

Introduction: Who is Dajjal?

The idea of Dajjal (دجّال) is very important in Islamic eschatology. Dajjal (دجّال) may be the hardest test humanity has ever faced. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"ما بين خلق آدم إلى قيام الساعة أمر أكبر من الدجال"
"Between the creation of **آدم** and the قيام الساعة, there is no matter greater than **الدجال**."

Sahih Muslim (Kitab al-Fitan)

Dajjal is not just a person; he stands for:

- Deception (دجل)
- Distortion of truth
- Control through illusion
- Manipulation of perception

He will:

- Show fake heaven and hell
- Control resources like food, rain, and money
- Change people's minds and beliefs
- Test faith at the deepest level

Protection from Dajjal

The Prophet ﷺ gave a clear protection:

(مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَّالِ) ، وَالْاسْتِعَاذَةُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِ عَقِبَ التَّشَهُّدِ الْأَخِيرِ. مِنْ كُلِّ صَلاَةٍ.

Whoever memorizes ten 'Ayat (Verses) from the beginning of Surat Al-Kahf, will be protected from the False Messiah, if he recites in every prayer after the final Tashahhud before ending the prayer, seeking the protection of Allah from the trials of the False Messiah.

Hisn al-Muslim 199 (https://sunnah.com/hisn:199)

In another narration:

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ " مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَّالِ ".

Abu al-Dardā’ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “**Whoever memorizes the first ten verses from Sūrat al-Kahf (The Cave) will be protected from the Dajjāl**.”

Sahih Muslim 809 - Special Virtues of the Qur'an's Chapters and Verses 32 (https://sunnah.com/virtues:32)

In another narration:

وَعَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ حَفِظَ عشر آيَات من أول سُورَة الْكَهْف عصم من فتْنَة الدَّجَّال

Abūd Dardā’ reported God’s messenger as saying, “**If anyone learns by heart ten verses at the beginning of sūra al-Kahf (Qur’ān, 18) he will be pro-tected from the dajjal**.”

Muslim transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 2126 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:2126)

In another narration:

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْمُغِيرَةِ ، حَدَّثَتْنَا عَبْدَةُ ، عَنْ خَالِدِ بْنِ مَعْدَانَ ، قَالَ: " مَنْ قَرَأَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ الْكَهْفِ ، لَمْ يَخَفْ الدَّجَّالَ

It was also reported via Khalid b. Ma'dān: "**Whoever recites ten verses from Sūrat al-Kahf, will not fear Al-Dajjāl."**

Sunan ad-Darimi 3310 - Special Virtues of the Qur'an's Chapters and Verses 34 (https://sunnah.com/virtues:34)

These lines build clear thinking strong spirit and ability to resist lies.

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Chapter 1: The Straight Truth

(Verse 1 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran , Surah Al-Kahaf , Verse 1 says (In the name of Allah),

ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِىٓ أَنزَلَ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ ٱلْكِتَـٰبَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَل لَّهُۥ عِوَجَآ

[All] praise is [due] to Allāh, who has sent down upon His Servant [Muḥammad (ﷺ)] the Book and has not made therein any deviance.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/1)

Introduction to the Verse

The first word of Surah Kahf is الحمد, which means praise, thanks, and recognition of ultimate authority. It quickly makes two important points clear:
1. Allah gave us the Qur'an
2. The Qur'an is completely straight and not bent.
This verse gives us a solid base of certainty in a world full of confusion.

Lesson 1: The Truth Is Straight and Absolute
The verse makes it clear that the Book is not crooked (عِوَجًا). This means:
No contradiction, no distortion, and no inconsistency
Truth, as revelation says, is set in stone and doesn't change.

Modern World Application

Today, people often think of truth as something that can change:

"Everyone has their own truth", "**Morality changes over time"**, and "**Society decides what is right and wrong"**.

For instance, something that was once thought to be wrong may become okay just by being repeated and made normal.

This makes the world:

- Certainty goes away

- Confusion grows
- People become mentally unstable

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will not simply deny truth, he will distort it.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

وَعَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: «مَا بَيْنَ خَلْقِ آدَمَ إِلَى قِيَامِ السَّاعَةِ أَمْرٌ أكبر من الدَّجَّال

`Imran b. Husain told that he heard God's messenger say, "**Between the creation of Adam and the coming of the last hour there is no more serious matter than the Dajjal**."

Muslim transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5469 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5469)

His danger comes from being confused and making lies look like truth.

Reflection

A believer must not chase opinions, he must anchor himself in truth.
Without a fixed معيار, every deception becomes possible.

Lesson 2: Authority Belongs Only to Allah

The verse begins with **الحمد لله**, all praise belongs to Allah alone. This establishes:

- ✓ Ultimate authority belongs to Him
- ✓ Guidance comes from Him
- ✓ Truth is not man-made

Modern World Application

Today, authority has shifted:

- Influencers shape beliefs
- Media defines narratives
- Systems dictate morality

For example, millions follow opinions of people who have no knowledge, simply because they are popular.

This leads to:

- ✓ Blind following
- ✓ Loss of استقلال (independence)
- ✓ Weak ايمان

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will present himself as the ultimate authority.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ نُمَيْرٍ، وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا الأَعْمَشُ، عَنْ شَقِيقٍ، عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ‏.‏ صلى الله عليه وسلم ‏ " الدَّجَّالُ أَعْوَرُ عَيْنِ الْيُسْرَى جُفَالُ الشَّعَرِ مَعَهُ جَنَّةٌ وَنَارٌ فَنَارُهُ جَنَّةٌ وَجَنَّتُهُ نَارٌ " ‏.‏

It was narrated that Hudhaifah said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: '**The Dajjal (False Christ) is blind in his left eye and has abundant hair. With him will be a Paradise and a Hell, but his Hell is Paradise and his Paradise is Hell**.'

Sunan Ibn Majah 4071 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4071)

This means he will redefine reality itself.

Lesson 3: The Honor of Being a Servant of Allah

Allah refers to the Prophet ﷺ as “عبده” (His servant). This is not a limitation; it is the highest honor.

True dignity lies in:

- ✓ Submission to Allah
- ✓ Dependence on Him
- ✓ Living within His guidance

Modern World Application

Modern culture promotes:

- ➢ Independence (استقلال) without limits
- ➢ Self-worship (follow yourself)
- ➢ Ego as the center of life

For example:

- ➢ People reject divine guidance to “live freely”
- ➢ Identity is built on desires, not truth

This creates:

- ✓ Arrogance
- ✓ Confusion
- ✓ Loss of purpose

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will exploit ego.

He will attract people who:

- ✓ Seek power
- ✓ Desire control
- ✓ Reject submission

The Prophet ﷺ described him:

"إنه أعور، وإن ربكم ليس بأعور"
“He is one-eyed, while your Lord is not one-eyed.”

Narration 1:

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْوَلِيدِ الطَّيَالِسِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، عَنْ قَتَادَةَ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَنَسَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ، يُحَدِّثُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم أَنَّهُ قَالَ " مَا بُعِثَ نَبِيٌّ إِلاَّ قَدْ أَنْذَرَ أُمَّتَهُ الدَّجَّالَ الأَعْوَرَ الْكَذَّابَ أَلاَ وَإِنَّهُ أَعْوَرُ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَيْسَ بِأَعْوَرَ وَإِنَّ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ مَكْتُوبًا كَافِرٌ " .

Anas b. Malik reported the Prophet (ﷺ) as saying: **No prophet was sent who had not warned his people about the one-eyed. Between his eyes will be written “infidel” (kafir).**

Sunan Abi Dawud 4316 (https://sunnah.com/abudawud:4316)

Narration 2:

حَدَّثَنَا حَفْصُ بْنُ عُمَرَ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، أَخْبَرَنَا قَتَادَةُ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَنَسًا ـ رضى الله عنه ـ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ مَا بَعَثَ اللَّهُ مِنْ نَبِيٍّ إِلاَّ أَنْذَرَ قَوْمَهُ الأَعْوَرَ الْكَذَّابَ، إِنَّهُ أَعْوَرُ، وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَيْسَ بِأَعْوَرَ، مَكْتُوبٌ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ كَافِرٌ ".

Narrated Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**Allah did not send any prophet but that he warned his nation of the one-eyed liar (Ad-Dajjal). He is one-eyed while your Lord is not one-eyed, The word 'Kafir' (unbeliever) is written between his two eyes.**"

Sahih al-Bukhari 7408 (https://sunnah.com/bukhari:7408)

Narration 3:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْمُثَنَّى، وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ بَشَّارٍ، قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، عَنْ قَتَادَةَ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَنَسَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " مَا مِنْ نَبِيٍّ إِلاَّ وَقَدْ أَنْذَرَ أُمَّتَهُ الأَعْوَرَ الْكَذَّابَ أَلاَ إِنَّهُ أَعْوَرُ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَيْسَ بِأَعْوَرَ وَمَكْتُوبٌ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ ك ف ر " .

Anas b. Malik reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: **There is never a prophet who has not warned the Ummah of that one-eyed liar; behold he is one-eyed and your Lord is not one-eyed. On his forehead are the letters k f. r. (Kafir).**

Sahih Muslim 2933a (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2933a)

This teaches believers not to confuse creation with the Creator.

Reflection

The more a person submits to Allah, the freer they become from everything else.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 1 builds the foundation of everything that follows:

- ✓ Truth is clear and unchanging
- ✓ Authority belongs only to Allah
- ✓ Honor lies in servitude, not ego

In a world preparing for the deception of Dajjal, this verse teaches the believer how to **think, anchor, and stand firm**.

Without this foundation:

- ➢ Truth becomes unclear
- ➢ Authority becomes corrupted
- ➢ Identity becomes lost

With it, the believer gains:

- ✓ Clarity
- ✓ Stability
- ✓ Strength

Chapter 2: Warning and Hope

(Verse 2 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 2 says (In the name of Allah),

قَيِّمًا لِّيُنذِرَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِّن لَّدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ٱلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا حَسَنًا

[He has made it] straight, to warn of severe punishment from Him and to give good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a good reward [i.e., Paradise]

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/2)

Introduction to the Verse

After establishing that the Qur'an is perfectly straight, this verse explains its purpose:

1. To warn (إنذار)
2. To give glad tidings (تبشير)

This balance is essential. A believer is not built on fear alone, nor on hope alone, but on a **balanced heart**.

Lesson 1: Balance Between Fear and Hope

The Qur'an combines:

- Warning (punishment)
- Hope (reward)

This balance creates **emotional stability**.

Modern World Application

Today, people often fall into extremes:

1. Overconfidence (False Hope)

- "God will forgive everything"
- Ignoring accountability

2. Despair (Excessive Fear)

- Feeling unworthy of forgiveness
- Losing hope completely

For example, some people justify wrongdoing with false optimism, while others abandon faith due to guilt.

Both are dangerous.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will manipulate emotions:

- Giving false hope through material rewards
- Creating fear through control of resources

The Prophet ﷺ said:

،حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ نُمَيْرٍ، وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْعَلاَءِ، وَإِسْحَاقُ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، قَالَ إِسْحَاقُ أَخْبَرَنَا وَقَالَ الآخَرَانِ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، عَنِ الأَعْمَشِ، عَنْ شَقِيقٍ، عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " الدَّجَّالُ أَعْوَرُ الْعَيْنِ الْيُسْرَى جُفَالُ الشَّعَرِ مَعَهُ جَنَّةٌ وَنَارٌ فَنَارُهُ جَنَّةٌ وَجَنَّتُهُ نَارٌ " .

Hudhaifa reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: "**Dajjal is blind of left eye with thick hair and there would be a garden and fire with him and his fire would be a garden and his garden would be fire**."

Sahih Muslim 2934a (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2934a)

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ نُمَيْرٍ، وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا الأَعْمَشُ، عَنْ شَقِيقٍ، عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ‏.‏ صلى الله عليه وسلم ‏.‏ " الدَّجَّالُ أَعْوَرُ عَيْنِ الْيُسْرَى جُفَالُ الشَّعَرِ مَعَهُ جَنَّةٌ وَنَارٌ فَنَارُهُ جَنَّةٌ وَجَنَّتُهُ نَارٌ " ‏.‏

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Sunan Ibn Majah 4071 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4071)

He will **distort emotional perception**.

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (عليه السلام) said:

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ بَعْضِ أَصْحَابِهِ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ الله (عَلَيهِ السَّلام) قَالَ كَانَ أَبِي (عَلَيهِ السَّلام) يَقُولُ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِنْ عَبْدٍ مُؤْمِنٍ إِلا وَفِي قَلْبِهِ نُورَانِ نُورُ خِيفَةٍ وَنُورُ رَجَاءٍ لَوْ وُزِنَ هَذَا لَمْ يَزِدْ عَلَى هَذَا وَلَوْ وُزِنَ هَذَا لَمْ يَزِدْ عَلَى هَذَا.

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from Ibn Abi ‘Umayr from certain individuals of his people from Abu ‘Abdillah (a.s.) who has said the following: “My father would say, ‘**In the heart of every believing servant (of Allah) there are two lights. There is the light of fear and the light of hope**. On being weighed no one of these lights weighs differently from the other.’”

Mirʾāt al-ʿUqūl fī Sharḥ Akhbār Āl al-Rasūl (8/43) (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/2/1/33/13)

Reflection

A balanced heart cannot be easily manipulated. Fear protects from sin, and hope protects from despair.

Lesson 2: Accountability Is Real and Serious

The verse mentions:

"بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا" — “a severe punishment”

This emphasizes that actions have consequences.

Modern World Application

Modern culture often promotes:

- “Do whatever makes you happy”
- No real consequences beyond this life

For example:

- Ethics are sacrificed for success
- Actions are justified by personal benefit

This creates a mindset where accountability is ignored.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will exploit this mindset.

He will offer:

- Immediate rewards
- Visible success
- Material gain

People who ignore long-term consequences will follow him easily.

The Prophet ﷺ warned:

" سَيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سَنَوَاتٌ ... صَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ وَيُكَذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ "

“A time will come upon people when the liar will be believed and the truthful will be rejected.”

،حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا يَزِيدُ بْنُ هَارُونَ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْمَلِكِ بْنُ قُدَامَةَ الْجُمَحِيُّ، عَنْ إِسْحَاقَ بْنِ أَبِي الْفُرَاتِ عَنِ الْمَقْبُرِيِّ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صلى الله عليه وسلم . " سَيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سَنَوَاتٌ خَدَّاعَاتٌ يُصَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ وَيُكَذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ وَيُؤْتَمَنُ فِيهَا الْخَائِنُ وَيُخَوَّنُ فِيهَا الأَمِينُ وَيَنْطِقُ فِيهَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ قِيلَ وَمَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ قَالَ الرَّجُلُ التَّافِهُ فِي أَمْرِ الْعَامَّةِ " .

It was narrated from Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “**There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar; the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be**

regarded as a traitor; and the Ruwaibidah will decide matters.' It was said: 'Who are the Ruwaibidah?' He said: 'Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people.'"

Sunan Ibn Majah 4036 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4036)

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

اتَّقُوا اللهَ فِي عِبَادِهِ وَبِلاَدِهِ، فَإِنَّكُمْ مَسْؤُولُونَ حَتَّى عَنِ الْبِقَاعِ وَالْبَهَائِمِ

Fear Allāh in the matter of His creatures and His cities because **you will be questioned** even about lands and beasts.
Nahj al-Balagha, Sermon 167

Reflection

- ✓ A believer lives with awareness
- ✓ Every action matters. Nothing is meaningless.

Lesson 3: True Success Is Righteous Deeds, Not Results

The verse defines believers as:

"الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ"
"Those who do righteous deeds"

Not:

- ➢ Those who are successful
- ➢ Those who are powerful
- ➢ Those who are popular

Modern World Application

Today, success is measured by:

- Wealth
- Fame
- Influence

For example:

- A dishonest person may appear successful
- A sincere person may appear insignificant

This creates confusion about what “success” really means.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will redefine success:

- Material abundance equals to truth
- Power equals to correctness

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ سِنَانٍ، حَدَّثَنَا كَثِيرُ بْنُ هِشَامٍ، حَدَّثَنَا جَعْفَرُ بْنُ بُرْقَانَ، حَدَّثَنَا يَزِيدُ بْنُ الأَصَمِّ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، رَفَعَهُ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ‏.‏ صلى الله عليه وسلم ‏.‏ قَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ لاَ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُوَرِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ إِنَّمَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى أَعْمَالِكُمْ وَقُلُوبِكُمْ " ‏.‏

It was narrated that Abu Hurairah, who attributed it to the Prophet (ﷺ), said: “**Allah does not look at your forms or your wealth, rather He looks at your deeds and your hearts**.”

Sunan Ibn Majah 4143 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4143)

حَدَّثَنَا عَمْرٌو النَّاقِدُ، حَدَّثَنَا كَثِيرُ بْنُ هِشَامٍ، حَدَّثَنَا جَعْفَرُ بْنُ بُرْقَانَ، عَنْ يَزِيدَ بْنِ، الأَصَمِّ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّ اللَّهَ لاَ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُوَرِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ " ‏.‏

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying: **Verily Allah does not look to your faces and your wealth but He looks to your heart and to your deeds**.

Sahih Muslim 2564c (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2564c)

Reflection

Real success is not what people see, **it is what Allah accepts**.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 2 teaches the emotional and moral framework of a believer:

- ✓ Balance between fear and hope
- ✓ Awareness of accountability
- ✓ Redefinition of success

In the age of Dajjal, these principles become essential:

- ➢ Without balance, emotions are manipulated
- ➢ Without accountability, choices are corrupted
- ➢ Without true success, deception becomes attractive

A believer who internalizes this verse develops:

- ✓ Emotional stability
- ✓ Moral clarity
- ✓ Resistance to false promises

Chapter 3: The Illusion of Success

(Verse 3 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 3 says (In the name of Allah),

مَّـٰكِثِينَ فِيهِ أَبَدًا

In which they will remain forever

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/3)

Introduction to the Verse

This short verse completes the promise mentioned earlier: the reward of believers is not temporary, it is **eternal**.

In just a few words, Allah shifts the believer's mindset:

- From Short-term thinking to Eternal perspective
- From Temporary gain to Permanent success

This verse challenges one of the greatest deceptions of the modern world: **the illusion that this life is everything**.

Lesson 1: Real Success Is Eternal, Not Temporary

The verse emphasizes one word: أَبَدًا **(forever)**.

This changes the entire definition of success.

Modern World Application

Today, success is defined by:

- A career
- Wealth accumulation
- Social status

Everything is:

- Measured quickly
- Achieved quickly
- Lost quickly

For example:

- A person may spend 30 years building wealth, only to lose it suddenly
- Fame can disappear overnight
- Physical beauty fades with time

Yet people invest everything into what cannot last.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will trap people in short-term thinking.

He will offer:

- Immediate reward
- Visible success
- Instant comfort

The Prophet ﷺ said:

وَعَن أَسمَاء بنت يزِيد بن السَّكن قَالَتْ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «يَمْكُثُ الدَّجَّالُ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً السَّنَةُ كَالشَّهْرِ وَالشَّهْرُ كَالْجُمُعَةِ وَالْجُمُعَةُ كَالْيَوْمِ وَالْيَوْمُ كَاضْطِرَامِ السَّعَفَةِ فِي النَّارِ» . رَوَاهُ فِي «شَرْحِ السُّنَّةِ»

Asma' daughter of Yazid b. as-Sakan reported the Prophet a saying, "**The dajjal will remain in the earth forty years, a year being like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day, and a day like the time it takes to burn a palm-branch**."

It is transmitted in Sharh as sunna.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5489 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5489)

Even his presence is temporary, yet its impact will be massive.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

" إن الدنيا دار ممر، والآخرة دار مقر "
“Surely, this world is a fleeting abode, while the Hereafter is a lasting abode.”

Al-Amālī Book 1, Chapter 39 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/29/1/39/5)

Reflection

Anything that ends cannot be your ultimate goal. A believer invests in what lasts forever.

Lesson 2: Patience Comes from an Eternal Perspective

Believing in eternity changes how a person handles hardship.

Modern World Application

People today struggle with patience because:

- Everything is expected instantly
- Delays feel like failure
- Hardship feels meaningless

For example:

- A person may leave a good path because results are not immediate
- عبادت is abandoned because benefits are not visible

This creates a culture of impatience.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will exploit impatience.

He will offer:

- Quick solutions
- Immediate comfort
- Visible outcomes

People who cannot wait for truth will choose falsehood that gives instant results.

The Prophet ﷺ warned:

حَدَّثَنَا مُوسَى بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ، حَدَّثَنَا جَرِيرٌ، حَدَّثَنَا حُمَيْدُ بْنُ هِلاَلٍ، عَنْ أَبِي الدَّهْمَاءِ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ عِمْرَانَ بْنَ حُصَيْنٍ، يُحَدِّثُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " مَنْ سَمِعَ بِالدَّجَّالِ فَلْيَنْأَ عَنْهُ فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهْوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يُبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ أَوْ لِمَا يُبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ " . هَكَذَا قَالَ .

Narrated Imran ibn Husayn:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **Let him who hears of the Dajjal (Antichrist) go far from him** for I swear by Allah that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas roused in him by him.

Sunan Abi Dawud 4319 (https://sunnah.com/abudawud:4319)

وَعَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ سَمِعَ بالدجال فلينأ مِنْهُ فو الله إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهُوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يَبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُد

`Imran b. Husain reported God's messenger as saying, "**Let him who hears of the dajjal go far from him**, for I swear by God that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas which he rouses in him."

Abu Dawud transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5488 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5488)

Because exposure and impatience mean vulnerability.

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (عليه السلام) said:

أَبُو عَلِيٍّ الأَشْعَرِيُّ عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنِ الْعَلاءِ بْنِ فُضَيْلٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ الله (عَلَيهِ السَّلام) قَالَ الصَّبْرُ مِنَ الإيمَانِ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الرَّأْسِ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ فَإِذَا ذَهَبَ الرَّأْسُ ذَهَبَ الْجَسَدُ كَذَلِكَ إِذَا ذَهَبَ الصَّبْرُ ذَهَبَ الإيمَانُ.

Abu Ali al-Ash'ari has narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn 'Isa from Muhammad ibn Sinan from al-'Ala' ibn Fudayl from Abu 'Abdillah (a.s.) who has said the following: "Abu 'Abd Allah (a.s.) has said, '**Patience is to belief as the head is to the body.** If the head is gone the body is also destroyed. So also, if patience is vanished belief also goes away and is no more.'"

Mirʾāt al-ʿUqūl fī Sharḥ Akhbār Āl al-Rasūl (8/122) (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/2/1/47/2)

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ حَمَّادِ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ رِبْعِيِّ بْنِ عَبْدِ الله عَنْ فُضَيْلِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ الله (عَلَيهِ السَّلام) قَالَ الصَّبْرُ مِنَ الإيمَانِ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الرَّأْسِ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ فَإِذَا ذَهَبَ الرَّأْسُ ذَهَبَ الْجَسَدُ كَذَلِكَ إِذَا ذَهَبَ الصَّبْرُ ذَهَبَ الإيمَانُ.

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from his father from Hammad ibn 'Isa from Rib'i ibn 'Abdillah from Fudayl ibn Yasar from Abu 'Abdillah (a.s.) who said: "**Patience holds the same position in faith as the head does in the body**. When the head is lost, the body perishes. Similarly, when patience is lost, faith perishes."

Mirʾāt al-ʿUqūl fī Sharḥ Akhbār Āl al-Rasūl (8/129) (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/2/1/47/5)

Reflection

When you believe in forever, you can endure (تحمل) anything temporary.

Lesson 3: Permanence Belongs Only to Allah's Promise

This verse reminds us that:

- The world is temporary
- Systems are temporary
- Power is temporary

Only Allah's promise is permanent.

Modern World Application

People seek permanence in:

- Careers
- Governments
- Technology
- Relationships

But all of these are fragile.

For example:

- Economic systems collapse
- Technology becomes obsolete
- Relationships change

This creates constant insecurity.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will present himself as a source of stability:

- Providing resources
- Controlling systems
- Offering security

People seeking permanence in the world will be drawn to him.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، وَابْنُ أَبِي عُمَرَ، - وَاللَّفْظُ لِابْنِ أَبِي عُمَرَ - قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا يَزِيدُ بْنُ هَارُونَ، عَنْ إِسْمَاعِيلَ بْنِ أَبِي خَالِدٍ، عَنْ قَيْسِ بْنِ أَبِي حَازِمٍ، عَنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ، بْنِ شُعْبَةَ قَالَ مَا سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم أَحَدٌ عَنِ الدَّجَّالِ أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا سَأَلْتُهُ عَنْهُ فَقَالَ لِي " أَىْ بُنَىَّ وَمَا يُنْصِبُكَ مِنْهُ إِنَّهُ لَنْ يَضُرَّكَ " . قَالَ قُلْتُ إِنَّهُمْ يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّ مَعَهُ أَنْهَارَ الْمَاءِ وَجِبَالَ الْخُبْزِ . قَالَ " هُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ ذَلِكَ " .

Mughira b. Shu'ba reported that none else had asked more questions from Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) about the Dajjal than I, but he simply said in a slight mood): O, myson, why are you worried

because of him? He will not harm you. I said: The people think that **he would have with him rivers of water and mountains of bread**, whereupon he said: He would be more insignificant in the sight of Allah than all these things (belonging to him).

Sahih Muslim 2152a (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2152a)

This symbolizes control over what people depend on.

Reflection

If you seek permanence in the temporary, you will always feel unstable. If you anchor to Allah, you will always feel secure.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 3 shifts the believer's mindset completely:

- ✓ From temporary to eternal
- ✓ From impatience to endurance
- ✓ From illusion to reality

In the age of Dajjal:

- ➢ Temporary success will be magnified
- ➢ Immediate rewards will be weaponized
- ➢ False stability will be offered

But a believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Not be impressed by quick gains
- ✓ Not be shaken by delays
- ✓ Not be deceived by temporary power

They will live with one principle, "**What matters is not what lasts for a moment, but what lasts forever".**

Chapter 4: Distortion of Belief

(Verse 4 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 4 says (In the name of Allah),

وَيُنذِرَ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُواْ ٱتَّخَذَ ٱللَّهُ وَلَدًا

And to warn those who say, "Allāh has taken a son."

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/4)

Introduction to the Verse

After establishing truth, balance, and eternal success, this verse addresses a **specific corruption in belief**, attributing something to Allah that is not true.

This is not just about one statement. It represents a broader principle:

Speaking about Allah without knowledge is one of the greatest forms of misguidance.

Lesson 1: The Greatest Deviation Begins with Small Distortions

The statement mentioned in the verse may appear as a "**belief**," but in reality, it is a **distortion of truth**.

Falsehood rarely begins as something obviously wrong; it often starts as:

- A small change
- A reinterpretation
- A new understanding

Modern World Application

Today, distortion happens in subtle ways:

- Religious teachings are reinterpreted to fit modern desires
- Clear boundaries are blurred
- Truth is adjusted to avoid discomfort

For example:

- Actions clearly defined as wrong are rebranded as acceptable
- Faith is reduced to a "**personal feeling**" rather than a **structured belief**.

This creates a gradual shift where:

- Falsehood becomes normalized
- Truth becomes unfamiliar

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will not begin with open disbelief, he will **build on existing distortions**.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا مُوسَى بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ، حَدَّثَنَا جَرِيرٌ، حَدَّثَنَا حُمَيْدُ بْنُ هِلاَلٍ، عَنْ أَبِي الدَّهْمَاءِ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ عِمْرَانَ بْنَ حُصَيْنٍ، يُحَدِّثُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " مَنْ سَمِعَ بِالدَّجَّالِ فَلْيَنْأَ عَنْهُ فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهْوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يُبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ أَوْ لِمَا يُبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ " . هَكَذَا قَالَ .

Narrated Imran ibn Husayn:

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Abu Dawud transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5488 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5488)

This shows that deception begins within belief itself.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

إِنَّمَا بَدْءُ وُقُوعِ الْفِتَنِ أَهْوَاءٌ تُتَّبَعُ، وَأَحْكَامٌ تُبْتَدَعُ، يُخَالَفُ فِيهَا كِتابُ اللهِ، وَيَتَوَلَّى عَلَيْهَا رِجَالٌ رِجَالاً، عَلَى غَيْرِ دِينِ اللهِ، فَلَوْ أَنَّ الْبَاطِلَ خَلَصَ مِنْ مِزَاجِ الْحَقِّ لَمْ يَخْفَ عَلَى الْمُرْتَادِينَ، وَلَوْ أَنَّ الْحقَّ خَلَصَ مِنْ لَبْسِ البَاطِلِ انْقَطَعَتْ عَنْهُ أَلْسُنُ الْمُعَانِدِينَ; وَلكِن يُؤْخَذُ مِنْ هذَا ضِغْثٌ، وَمِنْ هذَا ضِغْثٌ، فَيُمْزَجَانِ! فَهُنَالِكَ يَسْتَوْلِي الشَّيْطَانُ عَلَى أَوْلِيَائِهِ، وَيَنْجُو الَّذِينَ سَبَقَتْ لَهُمْ مِنَ اللهِ الْحُسْنَى

The basis of the occurrence of evils are those desires which are acted upon and the orders that are innovated. They are against the Book of Allāh. People cooperate with each other about them even though it is against the Religion of Allāh. If wrong had been pure and unmixed it would not be hidden from those who are in search of it. **And if right had been pure without admixture of wrong those who bear hatred towards it would have been silenced. What is, however, done is that something is taken from here and something from there and the two are mixed!** At this stage Satan overpowers his friends and they alone escape for whom virtue has been apportioned by Allāh from before.

Nahj al-Balagah, Sermon 50

Reflection

Major deviation does not happen suddenly, It begins with small compromises.

Lesson 2: Speaking About Allah Without Knowledge Is Extremely Dangerous

The verse condemns a statement made without knowledge.

This highlights a core principle; **Not all speech is harmless; some speech corrupts entire belief systems.**

Modern World Application

Today, people speak about religion freely:

- Interpreting texts without knowledge
- Giving opinions on theology
- Spreading misinformation online

For example:

- A viral video may shape beliefs more than authentic scholarship
- Complex issues are simplified into misleading statements

This creates:

- ✓ Confusion
- ✓ Doubt
- ✓ Weak faith

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will operate in an environment where:

- Truth is unclear
- Knowledge is weak
- Opinions dominate

The Prophet ﷺ said:

وَعَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ انْتِزَاعًا يَنْتَزِعُهُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ وَلَكِنْ يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ بِقَبْضِ الْعُلَمَاءِ حَتَّى إِذَا لَمْ يُبْقِ عَالِمًا اتَّخَذَ النَّاسُ رُءُوسًا جُهَّالًا فَسُئِلُوا فَأَفْتَوْا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ فضلوا وأضلوا»

'Abdallah b. 'Amr reported God's messenger as saying, "**God does not take away knowledge by removing it from men, but takes it away by taking away the learned, so that when He leaves no learned man, men will take ignorant men as leaders**. Causes will be presented to them and they will pass judgement without knowledge, erring and leading others into error." (Bukhari and Muslim.)

Mishkat al-Masabih 206 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:206)

When knowledge disappears, falsehood spreads easily.

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (عليه السلام) said:

عِدَّةٌ مِنْ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ خَالِدٍ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سِنَانٍ عَنْ طَلْحَةَ بْنِ زَيْدٍ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلام) يَقُولُ الْعَامِلُ عَلَى غَيْرِ بَصِيرَةٍ كَالسَّائِرِ عَلَى غَيْرِ الطَّرِيقِ لا يَزِيدُهُ سُرْعَةُ السَّيْرِ إِلا بُعْداً

A number of our people have narrated from Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Khalid from his father from Muhammad ibn Sinan from Talha ibn Zayd who has said the following. "(Imam) abu 'Abdallah (a.s.) has said, '**Working without understanding and insight is like travelling in the wrong direction that only takes one farther away from the destination.**'"

Mirʾāt al-ʿUqūl fī Sharḥ Akhbār Āl al-Rasūl (1/140) (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/1/2/12/1)

Reflection

Not knowing is less dangerous than speaking without knowledge.

Lesson 3: False Beliefs Often Feel Comfortable

The belief mentioned in the verse was not random, it likely appealed to emotions or cultural thinking.

False beliefs often survive because they:

- Feel logical
- Feel comforting
- Fit existing mindsets

Modern World Application

Today, people often accept ideas because:

- ✓ They are easy
- ✓ They remove responsibility
- ✓ They align with desires

For example:

- Beliefs that require no discipline are more popular
- Teachings that challenge the self are rejected

This creates a religion (دين) shaped by comfort, not truth.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will offer a system that feels:

- Easy
- Rewarding
- Attractive

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ نُمَيْرٍ، وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، قَالاَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا الأَعْمَشُ، عَنْ شَقِيقٍ، عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ‏.‏ صلى الله عليه وسلم ‏.‏ " الدَّجَّالُ أَعْوَرُ عَيْنِ الْيُسْرَى جُفَالُ الشَّعَرِ مَعَهُ جَنَّةٌ وَنَارٌ فَنَارُهُ جَنَّةٌ وَجَنَّتُهُ نَارٌ " ‏.‏

It was narrated that Hudhaifah said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: 'The Dajjal (False Christ) is blind in his left eye and has abundant hair. **With him will be a Paradise and a Hell, but his Hell is Paradise and his Paradise is Hell**.'"

Sunan Ibn Majah 4071 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4071)

But his "**paradise**" will be deception.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): إِنَّ الْحَقَّ ثَقِيلٌ مَرِيءٌ وَإِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ خَفِيفٌ وَبِيءٌ

Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: **Certainly, right is weighty and wholesome while wrong is light and epidemical**.

Nahj al-Balāgha, Sermon 376 (https://thaqalayn.net/chapter/32/3/376)

Reflection

Truth may feel difficult, but it saves. Falsehood may feel easy, but it destroys.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 4 exposes one of the deepest roots of misguidance:

- Distortion begins small
- Speech without knowledge spreads it
- Comfort sustains it

In the age of Dajjal:

- False beliefs will feel convincing
- Ignorance will be widespread
- Truth will feel heavy

A believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Be cautious in belief
- ✓ Be disciplined in speech
- ✓ Be willing to accept truth even when it is difficult

Chapter 5: The Power of Words

(Verse 5 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 5 says (In the name of Allah),

مَّا لَهُم بِهِۦ مِنْ عِلْمٍ وَلَا لِـَٔابَآئِهِمْ ۚ كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَفْوَٰهِهِمْ ۚ إِن يَقُولُونَ إِلَّا كَذِبًا

They have no knowledge of it, nor had their fathers. Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths; they speak not except a lie.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/5)

Introduction to the Verse

This verse exposes three layers of misguidance:

1. Lack of knowledge
2. Blind inheritance
3. Dangerous speech

It shows that **words are not harmless**, they can shape beliefs, societies, and entire realities.

Lesson 1: Ignorance Is the Foundation of Misguidance

The verse begins with:

"مَّا لَهُم بِهِۦ مِنْ عِلْمٍ"
“They have no knowledge of it”

This highlights that falsehood is often rooted in ignorance, not always intentional rebellion.

Modern World Application

Today, ignorance spreads rapidly:

- Information is abundant, but understanding is rare
- People speak more than they study
- Quick opinions replace deep knowledge

For example:

- Someone may form strong beliefs based on short clips or posts
- Complex religious matters are reduced to simplistic statements

This creates a society where:

- Confidence replaces knowledge
- Noise replaces truth

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will thrive in ignorance.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

،حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا يَزِيدُ بْنُ هَارُونَ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْمَلِكِ بْنُ قُدَامَةَ الْجُمَحِيُّ، عَنْ إِسْحَاقَ بْنِ أَبِي الْفُرَاتِ عَنِ الْمَقْبُرِيِّ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صلى الله عليه وسلم . " سَيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سَنَوَاتٌ خَدَّاعَاتٌ يُصَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ وَيُكَذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ وَيُؤْتَمَنُ فِيهَا الْخَائِنُ وَيُخَوَّنُ فِيهَا الأَمِينُ وَيَنْطِقُ فِيهَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ قِيلَ وَمَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ قَالَ الرَّجُلُ التَّافِهُ فِي أَمْرِ الْعَامَّةِ " .

It was narrated from Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "**There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar;** the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and the Ruwaibidah will decide matters.' It was said: 'Who are the Ruwaibidah?' He said: 'Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people.'"

Sunan Ibn Majah 4036 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4036)

Ignorance flips reality.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

٨١. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): قِيمَةُ كُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا يُحْسِنُهُ

81. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: **The worth of every man is in his attainments**. *Nahj al-Balagha, 81*

Reflection

Ignorance is not neutral; it is a gateway to deception.

Lesson 2: Blind Following Perpetuates Falsehood

The verse continues:

"وَلَا لِآبَائِهِمْ"
"Nor did their forefathers"

This shows that false beliefs can continue across generations without being questioned.

Modern World Application

Blind following exists in many forms:

- Cultural practices accepted without verification
- Beliefs inherited without understanding
- Trends followed without reflection

For example:

- A person may follow a belief simply because "this is how we were raised"
- Social norms are accepted even when they contradict truth

This creates:

- ✓ Intellectual stagnation
- ✓ Resistance to truth

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will benefit from this mindset.

People who follow without questioning will:

- ✓ Accept narratives easily
- ✓ Follow the majority
- ✓ Resist critical thinking

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عُمَرَ الضَّنْعَانِيُّ ـ مِنَ الْيَمَنِ ـ عَنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ أَسْلَمَ، عَنْ عَطَاءِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ، عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ " لَتَتْبَعُنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ شِبْرًا شِبْرًا وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ، حَتَّى لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ ". قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ ".

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "**You will follow the ways of those nations who were before you, span by span and cubit by cubit** (i.e., inch by inch) so much so that even if they entered a hole of a mastigure, you would follow them." We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (Do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?" He said, "Whom else?"

Sahih al-Bukhari 7320 (https://sunnah.com/bukhari:7320)

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (عليه السلام) said:

حدثنا أبي - رحمه الله - قال: حدثنا سعد بن عبد الله، عن أحمد بن أبي عبد الله، عن أبيه بإسناده يرفعه إلى أبي عبد الله عليه السلام أنه قال لرجل من أصحابه: لا تكونن إمعة تقول: أنا مع الناس وأنا كواحد من الناس.

We were told by my father, may Allah grant him mercy, that he said: We were told by Sa'd bin Abdullah, from Ahmad bin Abi Abdillah, from his father, with his chain of narrators, which he ascribed to Abu Abdillah, peace be upon him, that he said to a man from his companions: Do not be a flunky who says: «**I am with the people» or «I am like (any) one of the people**».

Maʿānī al-ʾAkhbār Book 1, Chapter 304 The meaning of the flunky (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/28/1/304/1)

Reflection

Inherited belief must become **understood belief**.

Lesson 3: Words Can Be More Dangerous Than Actions

The verse describes false speech as:

"كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً"
“Grave is the word…”

This shows that a single statement can carry massive consequences.

Modern World Application

We live in an age of words:

- Social media posts
- News narratives
- Public opinions

Words today:

- Spread instantly
- Influence thousands if not millions
- Shape the reality

For example:

- A false narrative repeated enough becomes accepted truth
- Language is used to normalize harmful ideas

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal is described as:

"الدجال" ; The Great Liar

His power will not only be physical; it will be **linguistic and psychological**.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

١٤٨. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): الْمَرْءُ مَخْبُوءٌ تَحْتَ لِسَانِهِ

148. Amīr al-mu’minīn, peace be upon him, said: **Man is hidden under his tongue**.

Nahj al-Balagha, 148 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/32/3/148/189)

Reflection

Control your words, or they will control you.

Chapter Conclusion

In the age of Dajjal:

- ✓ Ignorance will be widespread
- ✓ Traditions will be unexamined
- ✓ Words will shape false realities

A believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Seek knowledge before speaking
- ✓ Question before following
- ✓ Guard their tongue carefully

Final Insight

Most people think deception is about what they see, but this verse teaches **deception often begins with what people say and hear.**

Chapter 6: The Limits of Human Control

(Verse 6 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 6 says (In the name of Allah),

فَلَعَلَّكَ بَـٰخِعٌ نَّفْسَكَ عَلَىٰٓ ءَاثَـٰرِهِمْ إِن لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا۟ بِهَـٰذَا ٱلْحَدِيثِ أَسَفًا

Then perhaps you would kill yourself through grief over them, [O Muḥammad], if they do not believe in this message, [and] out of sorrow.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/al-kahf?translations=20)

Introduction to the Verse

This verse addresses the deep concern of the Prophet ﷺ for those who rejected the truth. It teaches a powerful principle; "**Guidance is not in human control".**

No matter how sincere, wise, or persistent someone is, they cannot force belief into another person's heart.

Lesson 1: You Are Responsible for Effort, Not Results

The Prophet ﷺ cared so deeply that he was overwhelmed by grief, but Allah reminded him of a limit:

Your duty is to convey, not to control outcomes.

The Consultation (42:48)

فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا۟ فَمَآ أَرْسَلْنَـٰكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۖ إِنْ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا ٱلْبَلَـٰغُ ۗ وَإِنَّآ إِذَآ أَذَقْنَا ٱلْإِنسَـٰنَ مِنَّا رَحْمَةً فَرِحَ بِهَا ۖ وَإِن تُصِبْهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌۢ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ فَإِنَّ ٱلْإِنسَـٰنَ كَفُورٌ ٤٨

But if they turn away - then **We have not sent you, [O Muḥammad], over them as a guardian; upon you is only [the duty of] notification**. And indeed, when We let man taste mercy from Us, he rejoices in it; but if evil afflicts him for what his hands have put forth, then indeed, man is ungrateful.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/ash-shuraa/48)

Modern World Application

Today, people tie their worth to results:

- Success in convincing others
- Influence over people
- Visible outcomes

For example:

- A parent may feel like a failure if children don't follow their values
- A person may feel frustrated when others reject truth

This creates:

- ✓ Stress
- ✓ Burnout
- ✓ Emotional exhaustion

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will create a system obsessed with **results**:

- ✓ Visible success
- ✓ Immediate outcomes
- ✓ Measurable impact

People who depend on results may compromise truth for success.

Reflection

Your success is not in changing people; it is in remaining sincere to truth.

Lesson 2: Emotional Pressure Can Weaken Judgment

The verse shows how deep emotions, even noble ones can become overwhelming.

Modern World Application

We live in an emotionally intense world:

- Constant news cycles
- Social media outrage
- Fear-based messaging

For example:

- People react instantly without thinking
- Decisions are driven by anger, fear, or pressure

This leads to:

- ✓ Poor judgment
- ✓ Impulsive decisions
- ✓ Loss of clarity

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will manipulate emotions:

- ✓ Fear of loss
- ✓ Desire for comfort
- ✓ Pressure to conform

The Prophet ﷺ warned:

وَعَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ سَمِعَ بالدجال فلينأ مِنْهُ فو الله إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهُوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يَبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُد

`Imran b. Husain reported God's messenger as saying, "**Let him who hears of the dajjal go far from him,** for I swear by God that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas which he rouses in him."

Abu Dawud transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5488 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5488)

وَعَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ سَمِعَ بالدجال فلينأ مِنْهُ فو الله إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهُوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يَبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُد

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Even strong believers can be affected under intense emotional influence.

Reflection

Not every strong feeling is a true guide. Clarity requires control over emotions.

Lesson 3: You Cannot Save Everyone

This verse teaches a difficult but essential truth; you cannot not guide everyone.

Modern World Application

People often struggle with:

- Wanting everyone to understand them
- Trying to fix everyone
- Feeling responsible for others' choices

For example:

- Someone may exhaust themselves trying to "fix" others
- Relationships become strained due to control

This leads to:

- ✓ Frustration
- ✓ Disappointment
- ✓ Emotional fatigue

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will divide people clearly:

- ➢ Some will follow him
- ➢ Some will resist

Not everyone will be saved. The Prophet ﷺ indicated that many will follow him, showing the scale of the test.

Reflection

You are not responsible for saving everyone. You are responsible for saving yourself.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 6 sets clear emotional boundaries:

- ➢ Effort matters, not results
- ➢ Emotions must be controlled
- ➢ Not everyone will accept truth

In the age of Dajjal:

- ➢ Emotional pressure will be intense
- ➢ Results will be glorified
- ➢ People will be divided

A believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Stay calm under pressure

- ✓ Remain sincere without burnout
- ✓ Accept reality without losing hope

Final Insight

Strength is not just in knowledge; it is in emotional discipline.

Chapter 7: The Test of Attraction

(Verse 7 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 7 says (In the name of Allah),

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى ٱلْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَّهَا لِنَبْلُوَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا

Indeed, we have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them [as to] which of them is best in deed.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/7)

Introduction to the Verse

This verse reveals a powerful reality: The beauty of the world is not random; it is a **test**.

Everything attractive in this life:

- Wealth
- Power
- Beauty
- Technology
- Influence, is part of a test (امتحان), not a reward in itself.

Lesson 1: The World Is Designed to Attract You

Allah calls the world **زينة (adornment)**, something that naturally pulls attention and desire.

Modern World Application

Today, attraction is amplified:

- Social media highlights perfect lifestyles
- Advertising creates endless desire
- Technology increases comfort and distraction

For example:

- People compare their lives to curated online images
- Constant exposure creates dissatisfaction

This leads to:

- ✓ Endless craving
- ✓ Lack of contentment
- ✓ Distraction from purpose

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will use attraction as a weapon.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"... وَإِنَّ مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِ أَنْ يَأْمُرَ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تُمْطِرَ فَتُمْطِرَ وَيَأْمُرَ الأَرْضَ أَنْ تُنْبِتَ فَتُنْبِتَ..."
"...Part of his Fitnah will be that he will command the sky to rain, and it will rain, and he will command the earth to bring forth vegetation and it will do so..."

Sunan Ibn Majah 4077 (https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah:4077)

He will control:

- Resources
- Comfort
- Material beauty

People attached to the world will be easily drawn to him.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

"...إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ تَفْتِنُ النَّاسَ بِالشَّهَوَاتِ وَ تُزَيِّنُ لَهُمْ بِعَاجِلِهَا..."
"The world is sweet and green, enchanting the people by the desires, and adorning them with its current affairs"
Nahj al-Balagha, 368 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/8/1/368/1)

Reflection

Not everything attractive is beneficial. Sometimes, attraction is the test itself.

Lesson 2: The Test Is About Quality of Actions, Not Quantity

The verse says:

"أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا"
“Which of them is best in deeds”

Not:

- Most deeds
- Biggest achievements
- Most visible success

But **best (أحسن)**.

Modern World Application

Today, people focus on:

- Quantity (more followers, more content, more output)
- Visibility (being seen, being known)

For example:

- A small sincere act is ignored
- A large visible act is celebrated

This distorts priorities.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will emphasize:

- Visible power
- Large-scale impact
- Material success

People will judge truth based on what they see.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

وعن أبي هريرة عبد الرحمن بن صخر رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:

" إن الله لا ينظر إلى أجسامكم ، ولا إلى صوركم، ولكن ينظر إلى قلوبكم وأعمالكم" ((رواه مسلم)).

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah does not look at your figures, nor at your attire but He looks at your hearts and accomplishments". [Muslim].

Riyad as-Salihin 7 (https://sunnah.com/riyadussalihin:7)

Reflection

What matters is not how much you do, but how sincerely and correctly you do it.

Lesson 3: Every Blessing Is Also a Responsibility

If everything in the world is a test, then every blessing carry responsibility.

Modern World Application

People often see blessings as:

- Personal achievements
- Signs of success

But rarely ask:

- How am I using this?
- Is this bringing me closer to Allah?

For example:

- Wealth used for self-indulgence
- Influence used for ego
- Knowledge used without sincerity

This turns blessings into risks.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will give people what they desire:

- Wealth
- Food
- Security

But these will become tools of control.

The Prophet ﷺ described his ability to provide resources.

Reflection

A blessing can raise you or destroy you. It depends on how you use it.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 7 completely reframes the world:

- Attraction is a test
- Success is about quality
- Blessings carry responsibility

In the age of Dajjal:

- Attraction will be intensified
- Material beauty will be weaponized
- Success will be redefined visually

A believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Not be deceived by appearances
- ✓ Focus on sincerity over visibility
- ✓ Use blessings with awareness

Final Insight

The world is not what it appears to be it is not a reward. It is a test disguised as beauty.

Chapter 8: The Illusion of Permanence

(Verse 8 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 8 says (In the name of Allah),,

وَإِنَّا لَجَـٰعِلُونَ مَا عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا

And indeed, we will make that which is upon it [into] a barren ground.

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/8)

Introduction to the Verse

After describing the beauty of the world in the previous verse, this verse delivers a powerful reality:

Everything attractive will eventually disappear.

The same world that appears full of life, beauty, and promise will one day become:

- Empty
- Lifeless
- Dust

This verse destroys the illusion of permanence.

Lesson 1: Everything You See Will End

The verse emphasizes a complete transformation:

- From beauty to barrenness
- From life to emptiness

Modern World Application

Today, people live as if things will last forever:

- Careers are treated as permanent
- Systems are assumed to be stable
- Life is planned without thinking of its end

For example:

- A successful business can collapse overnight
- A stable society can change suddenly
- Health can disappear unexpectedly

Yet people build their identity on what is fragile.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will present a world that feels stable and controlled.

He will:

- Provide resources
- Create order
- Offer security

People who believe in the permanence of the world will trust him, but in reality his system will also be temporary.

The Prophet ﷺ described his limited time on earth.

Reflection

If everything ends, then nothing here can be your ultimate reliance.

Lesson 2: The World's Beauty Is Temporary, Not Reliable

The verse shows that beauty is not stable, it is **temporary decoration**.

Modern World Application

People depend on:

- Wealth for security
- Appearance for identity
- Systems for stability

For example:

- Someone may feel secure because of money but markets collapse
- Someone may rely on appearance but aging changes everything

This leads to:

- Anxiety
- Fear of loss
- Constant instability

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will offer a system that appears:

- Stable
- Reliable
- Rewarding

People seeking security in the world will be drawn to him.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

حَدَّثَنَا سُرَيْجُ بْنُ يُونُسَ، حَدَّثَنَا هُشَيْمٌ، عَنْ إِسْمَاعِيلَ، عَنْ قَيْسٍ، عَنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ، بْنِ شُعْبَةَ قَالَ مَا سَأَلَ أَحَدٌ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم عَنِ الدَّجَّالِ أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا سَأَلْتُهُ قَالَ " وَمَا سُؤَالُكَ " . قَالَ قُلْتُ إِنَّهُمْ يَقُولُونَ مَعَهُ جِبَالٌ مِنْ خُبْزٍ وَلَحْمٍ وَنَهَرٌ مِنْ مَاءٍ . قَالَ " هُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ ذَلِكَ " .

Mughira b. Shu'ba reported that none asked Allah's Apostle (ﷺ) about Dajjal more than I asked him. I (one of the narrators other than Mughira b. Shu'ba) said: What did you ask? Mughira replied: I said that the people alleged that **he would have a mountain load of bread and mutton and rivers of water**. Thereupon he said: He would be more insignificant in the eye of Allah compared with all this.

Sahih Muslim 2939b (https://sunnah.com/muslim:2939b)

He will control what people depend on.

Reflection

What looks stable today can disappear tomorrow.

Lesson 3: Detachment Creates Strength

Understanding the temporary nature of the world leads to **detachment (زهد)**.

Modern World Application

People today are deeply attached to:

- Possessions
- Status
- Lifestyle

For example:

- Losing a job feels like losing identity
- Losing wealth feels like losing security

This attachment creates:

- Fear
- Stress
- ضعف (weakness)

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will target attachment.

He will threaten:

- Food
- Wealth
- Safety

People who are attached will compromise their beliefs to protect their comfort.

The Prophet ﷺ warned about his control over resources.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): ازْهَدْ فِي الدُّنْيَا يُبَصِّرْكَ اللهُ عَوْرَاتِهَا، وَلَا تَغْفُلْ فَلَسْتَ بِمَغْفُولٍ عَنْكَ

391. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: **Abstain from the world so that Allāh may show you its real evils** and do not be neglectful because (in any case) you will not be neglected.

Nahj al-Balāgha, Chapter 391 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/32/3/391/489)

Reflection

The less you depend on the world the harder it becomes for anyone to control you.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 8 completes the reality introduced in Verse 7:

- The world is attractive
- But it is temporary
- And it will completely vanish

In the age of Dajjal:

- False permanence will be created
- Temporary stability will be exaggerated
- Attachment will be exploited

A believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Not rely on temporary things
- ✓ Not fear losing the world
- ✓ Not be controlled through material means

Final Insight

The world is not just temporary it is **designed to end**. And only those who understand this will truly be free from it.

Chapter 9: The Strength of the Few

(Verse 9 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 9 says ((In the name of Allah),),

أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَٰبَ ٱلْكَهْفِ وَٱلرَّقِيمِ كَانُوا۟ مِنْ ءَايَٰتِنَا عَجَبًا

Or have you thought that the companions of the cave and the inscription were, among Our signs, a wonder?

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/9)

Introduction to the Verse

This verse introduces the story of **Ashab al-Kahf (the People of the Cave)**, a small group of young believers who stood firm in a corrupt society. But before telling their story, Allah makes a powerful point: **What seems extraordinary to you is not extraordinary to Allah**.

This shifts the perspective:

- From amazement to understanding
- From story to lesson

Lesson 1: Truth Does Not Depend on Numbers

The story begins with a small group, not a majority.

Modern World Application

Today, people often judge truth by:

- Popularity
- Majority opinion
- Social acceptance

For example:

- If many people support something, it is assumed to be correct
- If few people believe something, it is dismissed

This creates a dangerous standard (معیار); Truth becomes dependent on numbers.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will likely have large numbers of followers. People may think: "**So many people cannot be wrong**", but history shows, majority does not guarantee truth.

The Prophet ﷺ indicated that many will follow him.

Imam Ali (علیه السلام) said:

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، لاَ تَسْتَوْحِشُوا فِي طَرِيقِ الْهُدَىٰ لِقِلَّةِ أَهْلِهِ، فَإِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدِ اجْتَمَعُوا عَلَى مَائِدَة شِبَعُهَا قَصِيرٌ، وَجُوعُهَا طَوِيلٌ.

O people! **Do not be desolate at the small number of those who follow the right path,** because people throng only round the table (of this world) where the duration of satiety is short and its hunger is prolonged.

Nahj al-Balāgha, Chapter 201 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/32/1/201/2)

Reflection

Truth is not validated by numbers it is validated by its source.

Lesson 2: Society Can Normalize Falsehood

Ashab al-Kahf lived in a society where false belief was dominant.

Modern World Application

Today, societies shape thinking:

- Norms become "truth"
- Repetition creates acceptance
- Opposition (مخالفت) becomes difficult

For example:

- Harmful ideas become normal through constant exposure
- Speaking against popular views leads to criticism or isolation

This creates pressure to conform.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will operate within a system where:

- Falsehood is normalized
- Truth is marginalized

People will follow not because they believe but because it is easier than resisting.

The Prophet ﷺ warned about the intensity of this trial.

Reflection

Just because something is normal does not mean it is true.

Lesson 3: Standing Alone Is Part of Faith

Ashab al-Kahf did not wait for society to change they chose truth even if it meant isolation.

Modern World Application

Standing alone today can mean:

- Losing social approval
- Facing criticism
- Being misunderstood

For example:

- A person may hide their beliefs to avoid backlash
- Someone may compromise values to fit in

This weakens identity.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will create an environment where:

- Conformity is rewarded
- Resistance is costly

People will choose comfort over truth.

The Prophet ﷺ advised:

وَعَنْ عِمْرَانَ بْنِ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ سَمِعَ بالدجال فلينأ مِنْهُ فو الله إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهُوَ يَحْسِبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا يَبْعَثُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ» رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُد

`Imran b. Husain reported God's messenger as saying, "**Let him who hears of the dajjal go far from him**, for I swear by God that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas which he rouses in him."

Abu Dawud transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 5488 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:5488)

Reflection

Being alone on truth is better than being united on falsehood.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 9 prepares the believer for the story of resistance:

- Truth is not about numbers
- Society can normalize falsehood
- Standing alone is part of faith

In the age of Dajjal:

- Majority will be misleading
- Social pressure will be intense
- Truth will require courage

A believer who understands this verse will:

- Not be influenced by numbers
- Not be pressured by society
- Not fear standing alone

Final Insight

The path of truth has never been crowded and it never will be.

Chapter 10: The Power of Dua and Reliance

(Verse 10 of Surah Al-Kahf)

Holy Quran, Surah Al-Kahaf Verse 10 says (In the name of Allah),,

إِذْ أَوَى ٱلْفِتْيَةُ إِلَى ٱلْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا۟ رَبَّنَآ ءَاتِنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

[Mention] when the youths retreated to the cave and said, "Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and prepare for us from our affair right guidance."

Saheeh International (https://quran.com/18/10)

Introduction to the Verse

This verse shows the **turning point** of Ashab al-Kahf:

When faced with overwhelming fitnah, they did not rely on:

- Power
- Strategy
- Society

They turned directly to Allah through dua (supplication).

Lesson 1: True Protection Comes from Allah Alone

The youth left everything behind but they did not feel lost. Why? because they turned to Allah.

Modern World Application

Today, people rely on:

- Systems
- Technology
- Connections
- Wealth

But when crises come:

- These systems fail
- Plans collapse
- Control disappears

For example:

- Unexpected events can disrupt entire lives instantly
- What seemed secure becomes fragile

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will offer:

- Control
- Resources
- Solutions

People will rely on him because they already rely on systems instead of Allah. But the believer understands; real protection is not material it is divine.

The Prophet ﷺ taught to seek refuge from Dajjal in prayer.

Reflection

If Allah is with you, you are never weak even if you have nothing.

Lesson 2: Dua Is Not Weakness It Is Strategy

The youth made dua immediately. This shows **dua is the first response, not the last option**.

Modern World Application

Today, dua is often delayed:

- People try everything else first
- Then turn to Allah as a last resort

For example:

- In difficulty, people rely on planning alone
- Spiritual connection is neglected

This weakens the believer.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will dominate a world that:

- Relies only on visible means
- Ignores spiritual connection

Such people are easier to control.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

,وَعَنِ النُّعْمَانِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ -رَضِيَ اَللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا- عَنِ النَّبِيِّ - صلى الله عليه وسلم -قَالَ: { إِنَّ اَلدُّعَاءَ هُوَ اَلْعِبَادَةُ } رَوَاهُ اَلْأَرْبَعَةُ وَصَحَّحَهُ اَلتِّرْمِذِيُّ

1 - صحيح. رواه أبو داود (1479)، والنسائي في" الكبرى" (6 / 450). والترمذي (3247)، وابن ماجه (3828)، وزادوا ثم قرأ: " وقال ربكم ادعوني استجب لكم إن الذين يستكبرون عن عبادتي سيدخلون جهنم داخرين" غافر: 60 ، وقال الترمذي: " هذا حديث حسن صحيح".

An-Nu'man bin al-Bashir (RAA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "**Verily supplication is worship**." Related by the four Imams and At-Tirmidhi graded it as Sahih,

Bulugh al-Maram (https://sunnah.com/bulugh/16/113)

عَنِ النُّعْمَانِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ» ثُمَّ قَرَأَ: (وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمُ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكم) رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَالتِّرْمِذِيُّ وَأَبُو دَاوُدَ وَالنَّسَائِيُّ وَابْنُ مَاجَه

An-Nu'man b. Bashir reported God's messenger as saying, "**Supplication is worship**." He then recited, "And your Lord said, If you call on me I will aswer you.".

Ahmad, Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud, Nasa'i and Ibn Majah transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 2230 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:2230)

حَدَّثَنَا حَفْصُ بْنُ عُمَرَ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، عَنْ مَنْصُورٍ، عَنْ ذَرٍّ، عَنْ يُسَيْعٍ الْحَضْرَمِيِّ، عَنِ النُّعْمَانِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ " الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ { قَالَ رَبُّكُمُ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ } " .

Narrated An-Nu'man ibn Bashir:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **Supplication (du'a') is itself the worship**.

(He then recited:) "And your Lord said: Call on Me, I will answer you".

Sunan Abi Dawud 1479 (https://sunnah.com/abudawud:1479)

Prophet (saww) said:

95 - وَبِهذَا الإِسنادِ قالَ: قالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللهُعَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ: الدُّعاءُ سِلاحُ المُؤمِنِ، وَعِمادُ الدِّينِ، وَنُورُ السَّمواتِ وَالأَرْضِ[فَعَلَيكُم بِالدُّعاءِ وَاخلِصُوا النِّيَّةَ]

31-95 According to the same documentation, God's Prophet (S) said, "**Supplication is the weapon of a believer. It is the pillar of the religion, light from the heavens and the Earth**. (Thus, I advise you to say supplications and purify your intentions.)"

ʿUyūn akhbār al-Riḍā Volume 2, Book 1, Chapter 1 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/12/1/1/95)

Reflection

Dua is not an escape from reality; it is the most powerful way to face it.

Lesson 3: Guidance Requires Both Mercy and Clarity

The dua of the youth includes two things:

1. **رحمة (Mercy)**
2. **رشد (Right guidance / clarity)**

This shows that survival in fitnah requires both heart and mind.

Modern World Application

Today, people often lack:

- Emotional strength (mercy, patience)
- Intellectual clarity (understanding truth)

For example:

- Some have knowledge but no sincerity
- Others have sincerity but no understanding

Both are incomplete.

Connection to Dajjal

Dajjal will exploit imbalance:

- Emotional people will be manipulated through fear/desire
- Intellectual people will be confused through doubt

Only balanced believers will resist.

Imam Ali (عليه السلام) said:

٣٦٦. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): الْعِلْمُ مَقْرُونٌ بِالْعَمَلِ فَمَنْ عَلِمَ عَمِلَ، وَالْعِلْمُ يَهْتِفُ بِالْعَمَلِ فَإِنْ أَجَابَهُ وَإِلَّا ارْتَحَلَ عَنْهُ

366. Amīr al-mu’minīn, peace be upon him, said: **Knowledge is associated with action**. Therefore, he who knows should act, because knowledge calls for action; if there is a response well and good, otherwise it (i.e., knowledge) departs from him.

Nahj al-Balāgha Chapter 366 (https://thaqalayn.net/hadith/32/3/366/451)

Reflection

You need:

- A soft heart (mercy)
- A clear mind (guidance)

To survive confusion.

Chapter Conclusion

Verse 10 completes the framework of resistance:

- ✓ Turn to Allah first
- ✓ Use dua as a tool
- ✓ Seek both mercy and guidance

In the age of Dajjal:

- ✓ Systems will fail
- ✓ Illusions will rise
- ✓ Pressure will increase

But a believer who understands this verse will:

- ✓ Stay connected to Allah
- ✓ Remain internally strong
- ✓ Navigate fitnah with clarity

Final Closing Section

The Complete Framework of Protection

The first ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf form a complete system:

1. Truth is clear (Verse 1)

2. Balance emotions (Verse 2)

3. Think eternally (Verse 3)

4. Avoid distortion (Verse 4)

5. Guard speech (Verse 5)

6. Control emotions (Verse 6)

7. Recognize the test (Verse 7)

8. Detach from the world (Verse 8)

9. Stand firm (Verse 9)

10. Rely on Allah (Verse 10)

Why These Verses Protect from Dajjal

The Prophet ﷺ said:

(مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَّالِ) ، وَالْاسْتِعَاذَةُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِ عَقِبَ التَّشَهُّدِ الْأَخِيرِ. مِنْ كُلِّ صَلاَةٍ.

Whoever memorizes ten 'Ayat (Verses) from the beginning of Surat Al-Kahf, will be protected from the False Messiah if he recites in every prayer after the final Tashahhud before ending the prayer, seeking the protection of Allah from the trials of the False Messiah.

Hisn al-Muslim 199 (https://sunnah.com/hisn:199)

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ " مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَّالِ ".

Abu al-Dardā’ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “**Whoever memorizes the first ten verses from Sūrat al-Kahf (The Cave) will be protected from the Dajjāl**.”

Sahih Muslim 809 (https://sunnah.com/virtues:32)

وَعَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ حَفِظَ عشر آيَات من أول سُورَة الْكَهْف عصم من فتْنَة الدَّجَّال» . رَوَاهُ مُسلم

Abūd Dardā’ reported God’s messenger as saying, “**If anyone learns by heart ten verses at the beginning of sūra al-Kahf (Qur’ān, 18) he will be pro-tected from the dajjal**.”

Muslim transmitted it.

Mishkat al-Masabih 2126 (https://sunnah.com/mishkat:2126)

This protection is not magical it is psychological, spiritual, and intellectual.

These verses:

- ✓ Train the mind to recognize deception
- ✓ Strengthen the heart against pressure
- ✓ Anchor the soul to Allah

Final Reflection

The fitnah of Dajjal will not only test what people believe it will test:

- ✓ How they think
- ✓ What they value
- ✓ What they rely on

And that is exactly what these verses prepare you for.

Closing Words

In a world full of:

- ➢ Noise
- ➢ Illusion
- ➢ Pressure
- ➢ Distraction

Surah Kahf offers:

- ✓ Clarity
- ✓ Stability
- ✓ Protection

The one who understands it will not just survive fitnah. They will see through it.

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